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GENEVA FOR USDEL LOS CONFERENCE

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, MY
SUBJ: MALAYSIAN PARTICIPATION IN LOS CONFERENCE

REF: (A) GENEVA 05876, (B) KUALA LUMPUR 2433

1. ZAKARAI YATIM, HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION,
MINISTRY OF LAW, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 3 THAT MINISTER OF LAW HAMZAH
WILL NOT RPT NOT ATTEND THIS SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE AS HAD
ORIGINALLY BEEN EXPECTED (REFTEL B). ACCORDING TO ZAKARIA, LOCAL
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, I.E., WIDELY EXPECTED GENERAL ELINTGNNS
IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, WILL KEEP HAMZAH IN MALAYSIA.
ZAKARIA ALSO INDICATED THAT THE GOM DOES NOT EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL
MOVEMENT AT THIS SESSION, ANOTHER REASON HAMZAH WILL NOT ATTEND.
ZAKARIA HIMSELF, WHO IS THE GOM DELEGATION HEAD IN HAMZAH'S
ABSENCE, WILL LEAVE MAY 7 FOR GENEVA, BUT DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE
THERE LONG.

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2. ZAKARIA SAID THAT THE GOM DOES HOPE TO "TIE UP LOOSE ENDS"
ON THE STRAITS ARTICLE EITHER AT THIS SESSION OR EARLY IN A NEXT
SESSION, AND THIS WILL BE THE MAJOR REASON FOR HIS OWN PARTICIPATION.
ZAKARIA HAD HEARD THAT SPAIN AND OTHERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REOPEN
THE STRAITS ARTICLE AT THIS SESSION (REFTEL A) AND EXPRESSED CON-
SIDERABLE ANNOYANCE AT THIS MOVE(WHICH HE CLAIMED HAD SOVIET
BACKING). HE SAID THAT MALAYSIA HAD GOTTEN LITTLE SUPPORT FOR ITS

Straits position from Straits Group prior to the package deal
with the maritime powers, had been attacked afterwards for selling
out the interests of the Straits Group and now faced a possible
unravelling of the whole package at the eleventh hour.
Zakaria said the GOM wuld oppose any attempt now to reopen
the Straits question.

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